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Honorable John Fogarty  
Congressman from Rhode Island  
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

The shouting has died down, and the hard work on your part is for the moment finished. I sent you a message by mental telepathy at once when I heard the result of your Conference Committee, but I waited for a quiet moment when I could relax and bring my thoughts to proper focus.

You know of my deep appreciation for your magnificent leadership. I have a far greater idea today than I had when I first had the pleasure of meeting you, of how much hard work, in addition to inspiration and planning you put in in order to bring about this steady progression in the level of the NIH appropriations to the 560 mark, which was undreamed of by many people ten years ago.

I have an excellent idea now of the tremendous strain on you caused by the weeks of hearings and the many long conferences. I do know that you would have reached 600 million if you could have had your way, and I regret as do scientists and doctors throughout the country that your understanding of medical research and your dedication to the goals of medical research are not shared by all members of your Committee.

I should not be embarrassed to write to you what I have said to all of my friends in your own State, as well as people from all over the country - the House has never known a man of your caliber and accomplishments in the cause of health of our people. What is so heartwarming is that you have the ability to put into practical accomplishment the truly extraordinary knowledge of disease and the possibilities of medical research. The country should be, and will be informed of the personal sacrifices that you have made for this remarkable NIH appropriation achievement.

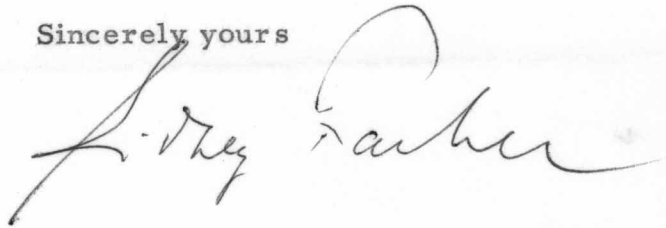
I know that you will not be happy until the scientists and doctors of the country are working to their full capacity with the aid of as much support as is required to deal with the problems of disease in the shortest possible time.

I want to add my own gratitude to that of everyone who has had the privilege of knowing you, or knowing what you have done, and my admiration for you as a man.

Please tell Mrs. Fogarty what we think about her husband, and how grateful we are to her, too, for helping you to reach your outstanding position of leadership in the Country.

With all good wishes, I am -

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fred Fisher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Fred Fisher".